

01-08-07

DFW



"EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NO. EV 894087291 US  
DATE OF DEPOSIT: January 4, 2007

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER OR FEE IS BEING  
DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
"EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS  
ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O.  
BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

ANGELA M. PARENT  
(TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE)  
Angela M. Parent  
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAILING PAPER OR FEE)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of  
JOHN J. TOBEN, ET AL. ) Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto  
on DUCT FASTSEAM ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
Serial No.: 10/668,734 )  
Filed on: September 23, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 2477  
 ) (Our Docket No. 6006-0141-1)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, the time for response extending to December 26, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.

Applicants are resubmitting this Amendment and Response to Office Action in light of the Office's communication that the previously filed Response contained a clerical error in the serial number, listed on the front page of the previously-filed Response.

Enclosed, therefore, with this resubmission, please find a copy of the original Amendment and Response to Office Action with the Express Mail deposit stating that the Response was filed in a timely manner, including a copy of the dated receipt from the Post Office, as well as a copy of the returned post card showing the date the original submission was received by the United states Patent and Trademark Office.

Customer Copy  
Label 11-F, April 2004



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®

Post Office To Addressee



EV 941004179 US

ORIGIN (POSTAL SERVICE USE ONLY)

PO ZIP Code 100-0000	Day of Delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Next <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Del. Day	Postage \$
Date Accepted 12/03/03	Scheduled Date of Delivery Month Day	Return Receipt Fee \$
Mo. Day Year 12 03 03	Scheduled Time of Delivery 12:00 PM	COD Fee \$
Time Accepted AM	3 PM	Insurance Fee \$
Flat Rate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or Weight 1.00 lbs. 0.00 ozs.	Total Postage & Fees \$ 19.40	
Int'l Alpha Country Code: Acceptance Emp. Initials		

DELIVERY (POSTAL USE ONLY)

Delivery Attempt Mo. Day	Time AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>	Employee Signature
Delivery Attempt Mo. Day	Time AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>	Employee Signature
Delivery Date Mo. Day	Time AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>	Employee Signature
NO DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday		

WAIVER OF SIGNATURE: Domestic Mail Only. Additional insurance is not available. If a waiver of signature is requested, I wish delivery to be made without obtaining the signature of addressee or addressee's agent. Delivery is made when the article can be left at the correct location and it is authorized that delivery to employee's signature constitutes valid proof of delivery.

Customer Signature

CUSTOMER USE ONLY

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Express Mail Corporate Acct. No.

Federal Agency Acct. No. or  
Postal Service Acct. No.

FROM: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE ( )

MCCORMICK PAULING & HUBER  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
1350 MAIN ST FL 5  
SPRINGFIELD MA 01103-1628

(609-222-1411 NJT/amp)

TO: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE ( )

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450



FOR PICKUP OR TRACKING: Visit [WWW.USPS.COM](http://WWW.USPS.COM)

or Call 1-800-222-1811

Ser/Pat/TM No. .... <u>10/688,734</u>	Date Received:																				
File No. .... <u>60016-0141-1</u>	 <p>DEC 22 2006</p>																				
Inventor Name(s) <u>Tolben et al</u>																					
Atty/Secretary <u>NST (AMP)</u> <u>12/22/06</u>																					
<p>Hon. Commissioner of Patents/Trademarks</p> <p>Please acknowledge receipt of the attachments by stamping the date received in the space indicated and returning this card to the addressee.</p> <p>McCormick, Paulding &amp; Huber LLP</p>																					
<table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Specification - # of pages .....</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal letter</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Claims - # of pages .....</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Check - \$ .....</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Drawings - # of sheets .....</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> IDS and PTO/SB/08A</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment &amp; Response to Office Action</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS citations</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee/Publication Fee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> English translation document</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Assignment</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> .....</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Marked up copy of specification/claims</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> .....</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Clean copy of specification/claims</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> .....</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dec/POA</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> .....</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Specification - # of pages .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims - # of pages .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Check - \$ .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings - # of sheets .....	<input type="checkbox"/> IDS and PTO/SB/08A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment & Response to Office Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS citations	<input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee/Publication Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> English translation document	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Marked up copy of specification/claims	<input type="checkbox"/> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean copy of specification/claims	<input type="checkbox"/> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Dec/POA	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
<input type="checkbox"/> Specification - # of pages .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal letter																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Claims - # of pages .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Check - \$ .....																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings - # of sheets .....	<input type="checkbox"/> IDS and PTO/SB/08A																				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment & Response to Office Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS citations																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee/Publication Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Fee																				
<input type="checkbox"/> English translation document	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> .....																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Marked up copy of specification/claims	<input type="checkbox"/> .....																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean copy of specification/claims	<input type="checkbox"/> .....																				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec/POA	<input type="checkbox"/> .....																				